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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Shimkets, *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/472,688 EXAMINER: M. Moran
FILING DATE: December 27, 1999 ART UNIT: 1631
TITLE: NUCLEIC ACIDS CONTAINING SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the October 7, 2002 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. The applicant is entitled to small entity status. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 7, 2003.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-534C CIP1). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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